

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM
Non Congregate Meal Service request

1. School Food Authority (SFA) submitting waiver request and responsible staff contact information: Buffalo Public School 140600010000 Ruth Conner Food Service Director rlconner@buffaloschools.org

State Agency: New York State Education Department – Kimberly Vumbaco, Director
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2. Region: Northeast

3. Eligible service providers participating in waiver and affirmation that they are in good standing: Buffalo Public Schools

4. Description of the challenge the SFA is seeking to solve, the goal of the waiver to improve services under the Program, and the expected outcomes if the waiver is granted. [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(iii) and 12(l)(2)(A)(iv) of the NSLA]: Student is on a medical leave of absence with home instruction. Buffalo Schools Teacher from school 45 provides home instruction daily and will deliver meals to student ensuring point of service.

5. Specific Program requirements to be waived (include statutory and regulatory citations). [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(i) of the NSLA]:

- Non-Congregate Meal Service [NSLA, 42 U.S.C. 1753(b)(1)(A) and Child Nutrition Act, 42 U.S.C. 1773(b)(1)(A)]

6. Detailed description of alternative procedures and anticipated impact on Program operations, including technology, systems, and monitoring: There is no impact on the program. The teacher will be providing point of service. Food service will be providing a reimbursable breakfast and lunch daily. Teacher will take at dismissal and provide to student during home instruction.

7. Description of any steps taken to address regulatory barriers. [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]:

8. Anticipated challenges the SFA may face with the waiver implementation: Meal refrigeration. A refrigerated bag will be provided for delivery to ensure safe food handling. Heating instructions will be provided for meals to be consumed hot. All components will be provided.

9. Description of how the waiver will not increase the overall cost of the Program to the Federal Government. If there are anticipated increases, confirm that the costs will be paid from non-Federal funds. [Section 12(l)(1)(A)(iii) of the NSLA]: No increase in cost

10. Anticipated waiver implementation date and time period: 5/6/2026-6/26/2026

11. Proposed monitoring and review procedures: Production planned on site. Teacher will provided meal count sheet daily

12. Proposed reporting requirements (include type of data and due date(s) to FNS): Confirmation daily of meal service provided.

13. Link to or a copy of the public notice informing the public about the proposed waiver [Section 12(l)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]: <https://www.buffaloschools.org/o/dept-food-service/page/food-service>

14. Signature and title of requesting official:

Ruth L Conner rconner@buffaloschools.org_____

Title: Requesting official's email address for transmission of response:

TO BE COMPLETED BY FNS REGIONAL OFFICE:

FNS Regional Offices are requested to ensure the questions have been adequately addressed by the State agency and formulate an opinion and justification for a response to the waiver request based on their knowledge, experience and work with the State.

Date request was received at Regional Office:

☐ **Check this box to confirm that the State agency has provided public notice in accordance with Section 12(l)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA**

☐ **Regional Office Analysis and Recommendations:**